

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action of June 15, 2001, Applicant hereby elects without traverse the Species I claims - that is, thin film transistors with boron concentration of 1×10^{15} to 1×10^{18} . Claims 21-41 and 43-66 are believed to be readable on the elected species I. Claim 42 has been canceled and claims 21-32, 41, 43-44, 48, 55, 59, 61, 62, and 63 have been amended.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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21. (Amended) An active matrix display device having a pixel portion and a [peripheral] driver circuit portion, said [peripheral] driver circuit portion including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and a part of the [peripheral] driver circuit portion,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of $10 \text{ [cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec] cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of $15 \text{ [cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec] cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of $[1 \times 10^5] 1 \times 10^{15}$ to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

22. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a shift register, said shift register including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the shift register,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of $10 \text{ [cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec] cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-

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channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [cm²/V.sec] cm²/V.sec or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1x10¹⁵ to 1x10¹⁸ cm⁻³, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

23. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and an inverter, said inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [cm²/V.sec] cm²/V.sec or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [cm²/V.sec] cm²/V.sec or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1[s] x 10¹⁵ to 1x10¹⁸ cm⁻³, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

24. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a clocked inverter, said clocked inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

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a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]
a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and
a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the clocked inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of $[1 \times 10^5]$ 1×10^{15} to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

25. (Amended) An active matrix display device having a pixel portion and a [peripheral] driver circuit portion, said [peripheral] driver circuit portion including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; and a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and a part of the [peripheral] driver circuit portion,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more, [and]

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ to control an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said n-channel thin film transistor to be substantially the same as an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said p-channel thin film transistor, and

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wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

26. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a shift register, said shift register including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and in the shift register,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more, [and]

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to 1×10^{18} cm^{-3} to control an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said n-channel thin film transistor to be substantially the same as an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said p-channel thin film transistor, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

27. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and an inverter, said inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

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a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more, [and]

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ to control an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said n-channel thin film transistor to be substantially same the as an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said p-channel thin film transistor, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

28. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a clocked inverter, said clocked inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film[,]; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the clocked inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more, [and]

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ to control an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said n-channel thin film transistor to be substantially the same as an absolute value of a threshold voltage of said p-channel thin film transistor, and

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wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less.

29. (Amended) An active matrix display device having a pixel portion and a [peripheral] driver circuit portion, said [peripheral] driver circuit portion including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

 a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

 a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

 a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film; and

 a leveling film covering each of said p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and a part of the [peripheral] driver circuit portion,

 wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [cm²/V.sec] cm²/V.sec or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [cm²/V.sec] cm²/V.sec or more,

 wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1x10¹⁵ to 1x10¹⁸ cm⁻³,

 wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less, and

 wherein each of said semiconductor islands comprises oxygen at a concentration not higher than 7x10¹⁹ cm⁻³.

30. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a shift register, said shift register including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

 a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

 a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

 a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film[,]; and

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a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the shift register,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1\times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands comprises oxygen at a concentration not higher than $7\times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

31. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and an inverter, said inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film[,]; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1\times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less, and

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wherein each of said semiconductor islands comprises oxygen at a concentration not higher than $7 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

32. (Amended) A semiconductor circuit having a pixel portion and a clocked inverter, said clocked inverter including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors, and said pixel portion including at least one thin film transistor, each of said transistors comprising:

a crystalline semiconductor island on an insulating surface, said semiconductor island having source and drain regions and a channel region;

a gate insulating film adjacent to at least said channel region; [and]

a gate electrode adjacent to said gate insulating film[,]; and

a leveling film covering each of said thin film transistors in both of the pixel portion and the clocked inverter,

wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of $10 \text{ [cm}^2/\text{V.sec] cm}^2/\text{V.sec}$ or more and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has an electron mobility in the range of $15 \text{ [cm}^2/\text{V.sec] cm}^2/\text{V.sec}$ or more,

wherein at least one of said semiconductor islands comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$,

wherein each of said semiconductor islands has a thickness in the range of 5000 Å or less, and

wherein each of said semiconductor islands comprises oxygen at a concentration not higher than $7 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

41. (Amended) An active matrix display device including a pixel portion and a [peripheral] driver circuit portion comprising:

a plurality of pixel electrodes formed on an insulating surface;

a first plurality of thin film transistors being formed in the pixel portion on said insulating surface and being connected to said pixel electrodes;

a second plurality of thin film transistors being formed in the [peripheral] driver circuit portion on said insulating surface, said second plurality of thin film transistors including at least one pair of complementary p-channel and n-channel thin film transistors; and

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a leveling film covering both of the first and second plurality of thin film transistors in the pixel portion and a part of the [peripheral] driver circuit portion,

wherein said second plurality of thin film transistors in said [peripheral] driver circuit include channel semiconductor layers having at least one of an electron mobility 15 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more and a hole mobility of 10 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or more,

wherein each of the channel semiconductor layers comprises boron at a concentration in the range of 1×10^{15} to $1\times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, and

wherein each of said channel semiconductor layers has a thickness of 5000 Å or less.

43. (Amended) A device according to claim 41 [or 42] wherein said semiconductor is silicon.

44. (Amended) A device according to claim 41 [or 42] wherein each of the first and second plurality of said thin film transistors comprises a gate electrode formed over said channel semiconductor layers having a gate insulating film therebetween.

48. (Amended) A device according to claim 41 [or 42] wherein said channel semiconductor layers exhibit a Raman peak shifted to a lower frequency side from 522 cm^{-1} .

55. (Amended) A device according to any one of claims 21, 25, and 29 wherein said source and drain regions of n-channel thin film transistor are introduced with phosphorus at a dose of [1×10^5 to $5\times 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$] 1×10^{15} to $5\times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-2}$.

59. (Amended) A device according to any one of claims 21, 25, 29, and 41 [and 42], wherein said leveling film comprises an organic resin.

61. (Amended) A circuit according to any one of claims 22-24, 26-28, and 30-32, wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 200 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or less and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has a electron mobility in the range of 300 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or less.

62. (Amended) A device according to any one of claims 21, 25, and 29, wherein said semiconductor island of p-channel thin film transistor has a hole mobility in the range of 200 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or less and said semiconductor island of n-channel thin film transistor has a electron mobility in the range of 300 [$\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$] $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$ or less.

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63. (Amended) A device according to claim 41, wherein said second plurality of thin film transistors in said [peripheral] driver circuit include channel semiconductor layers having at least one of an electron mobility 300 [cm²/V.s] cm²/V.sec or less and a hole mobility of 200 [cm²/V.s] cm²/V.sec or less.